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THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.  
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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- 25X1 1. In April the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) had a general quartermaster depot at Aik'ouhsiang, near P'inghsiang (N 22-06, E 106-44), with more than 10 trucks. The quartermaster was PI Chen-hsing (7028/2182/5281). There was a sub-depot at Ch'iamots'un (0595/2302/2625) and a second sub-depot at Nankuan.<sup>2</sup>
2. There was a DRV arsenal at the foot of Kuanyinshan (6034/7299/1472), on the outskirts of Payou (1405/0962), Leip'ing (N 22-37, E 106-59) Hsien, which employed over 200 workers, including five Japanese engineers. The arsenal manufactured mines and hand grenades and repaired rifles.
3. The coal mines at Wuming (N 23-12, E 108-15) employed about 3,000 workers and 26 Soviet engineers. The greater share of the output was usually shipped through Chinghsi (N 23-09, E 106-25) and P'inghsiang to Vietnam to supply the DRV arsenals.
4. In April, the railroad between P'inghsiang and Nankuan was being repaired and the Chinese Communists had fixed 30 April as the time limit for completion of the work. A railroad station was being constructed at Nankuan.

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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] in late May 1953 there was a DRV depot at Aik'ou (7137/0656) containing automobile spare parts, automobile tires, and gasoline.

[REDACTED] Comment. Possibly [REDACTED] means Chennankuan (N 22-04, E 106-41). However, some gazeteers give Nankuan, a pass, at approximately the same coordinates (N 21-58, E 106-43), and it is probably this area which is intended.

[REDACTED] Comment. Reliable information dated December 1952 indicates that there was no rail connection in existence between P'inghsiang and Chennankuan at that time. Possibly [REDACTED] mistook construction for repair activity.

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